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SUBJECT: TRAVEL TO SYRIA; CLARIFICATION OF SYRIAN PROHIBITION OF
TRAVEL TO SYRIA BY PERSONS WHO HAVE BEEN TO ISRAEL

DEPT PASS OTHER POST AS APPROPRIATE

1. RESPONSIBLE ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL HAS CONVEYED TO
US CLARIFICATIONS ON SYRIAN REGULATION THAT PERSONS WHO HAVE VISITED
ISRAEL MAY NOT RPT NOT ENTER SYRIA. CLARIFICATIONS WERE PROVIDED
TO ITALIAN EMBASSY DAMASCUS AT ITS REQUEST BY SYRIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY.

2. ACCORDING ITALIAN INFORMATION, PROHIBITION NOT RPT NOT APPLICABLE
TO DIPLOMATS, GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS OR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT OR
OTHER
PERSONS CARRYING TRAVEL DOCUMENT OTHER THAN AN " ORDINARY"
PASSPORT.
HOWEVER, SYRIANS WISH TO BE INFORMED IF SUCH EXEMPT PERSONS HAVE
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EVER TRAVELLED TO ISRAEL, AND THEN WILL DECIDE ON ENTRY ON CASE-BY- CASE BASIS.

3. MAJOR EXCEPTION TO ABOVE EXEMPTION IS THAT DIPLOMATS PRESENTLY STATIONED IN ISRAEL NOT RPT NOT UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES ENTER SYRIA.

4. ALTHOUGH BUSINESSMEN, CULTURAL FIGURES, JOURNALISTS, ETC., ARE NOT RPT NOT EXEMPT FROM GENERAL PROHIBITION BECAUSE THEY CARRY " ORDINARY" PASSPORTS, SYRIANS, UPON NOTIFICATION OF DESIRED TRAVEL, ARE WILLING TO EXAMINE REQUESTS FOR SUCH PERSONS ON A CASE- BY- CASE BASIS. VOLPE

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